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1. EL COMERCIO, LEADING QUITO DAILY, COMMENTED EDITORIALY ON THE ADA DISPUTE NOVEMBER 7 UNDER THE HEADLINE, "INTOLERABLE INTERVENTION." COMPLETE TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. "REGARDING THE PUBLICATION MADE IN A GUAYAQUIL NEWSPAPER REPORTING THE NOTE SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY OUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING EXPLORATION OF NATURAL GAS IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT KNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES THAT ECUADOR HAS NOT TOLERATED AND WILL NOT TOLERATE, IN MATTERS THAT RELATE TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY, INTERVENTION OF ANY KIND, NO MATTER HOW DELICATE AND SUBTLE IT MIGHT BE.

3. "IT IS REPORTED IN RELATION WITH THIS SAME MATTER THAT A FEW UNCLASSIFIED

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DAYS AGO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN QUITO TOLD

THE SUBSECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE DESIRE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT THE ECONOMIC AND JURIDICAL COMMISSIONS DESIGNATED BY THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE WORK OF EXPLORATION OF GAS IN THE GULF BY ADA AND THE INVESTMENTS ALREADY MADE IN EXPLORATION, REACH THE MOST ADEQUATE SOLUTION. BUT, IN THE TEXT OF THE NOTE SENT TO THE MINISTRY BY THE CHARGE IN WASHINGTON, IT IS HELD THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PLEASED IF FURTHER EXPLORATION BE GRANTED TO THE ADA CONSORTIUM WHICH BEGAN THE WORK WITH THE INVESTMENT OF SEVEN MILLION

DOLLARS.

4. "AT ANY RATE AND IN ANY CASE, WHATEVER TERMS WERE EMPLOYED BY OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THOSE QUALIFIED AS SUBTLE AND DELICATE, IT IS A MATTER, AS OUR MINISTRY CHARGES, OF AN UNACCEPTABLE INTERVENTION BECAUSE IT AFFECTS MATTERS PERTAINING TO A NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COULD NOT REACT IN ANY OTHER MANNER, UNDER PAIN OF FORGETTING THE DEFENSE OF NATIONAL DIGNITY.

5. "IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONS DESIGNATED BY THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT TO STUDY ECONOMIC AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROCARBON, OF NATURAL GAS IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL, WILL KNOW HOW TO ARRIVE AT STRICT AND RESPONSIBLE CONCLUSIONS AND TO SUGGESTS THE MOST ADEQUATE AND CONVENIENT PROCEDURES. BUT THIS IS A QUESTION THAT ONLY CAN BE EXAMINED AND RESOLVED BY COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE STATE, SPECIFICALLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR WHICH HAS THE FIRST DUTY OF SERVING THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY IN ALL CASES. WHAT IS INDICATED THEN, NOT ONLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S STATEMENT TO OUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BUT ALSO WITH THE SUBSECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS THE UNMINISTAKABLE AND UNDENIABLE PROOF OF AN INTERVENTION DISGUISED AS "GOOD INTENTIONS."

6. "OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE OFF THE MARK IN WHAT BELONGS IN THE ORBIT OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND ESPECIALLY WITH TIES WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE "THIRD WORLD." THESE ARE SCARCELY PLEASING ATTITUDES WHICH THE U.S. OFFICIALS ARE

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ASSUMING, AND THESE CONCEPTS ARE STILL PREPONDERANT WHICH THEY ARE SHOWING, PRECISELY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE OUR PEOPLES HAVE WANTED TO EXPECT TREATMENT THAT IS JUST OR AT LEAST NOT HARMFUL.

7. "IN OUR DESIRE AND NEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE FORWARD AND TAKE THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. FOR THIS SAME OBJECTIVE

WE NEED THE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID THAT MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES CAN GIVE US. ON OUR PART WE WILL COMPLY WITH THE DUTY OF RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE OTHERS WITHOUT GOING BACK ON THE COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE. BUT WE DO NOT ACCEPT INTERVENTION WHICH HARMS US IN ANY WAY."

8. THE GUAYAQUIL DAILY EXPRESO CONTINUED ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. "INTERVENTION" IN THE ADA CASE. ONE PAGE TWO, IT SHOWED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS CAPTIONED, "COLOMBIAN RADIO JOURNALISTS INQUIRE ABOUT ADA." CUTLINES SAID: "QUITO, NOVEMBER 6 (REX). THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES ARE INTERESTED IN THE INTERVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN ECUADOR AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CONCESSION FOR EXPLORATION OF GAS IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL, PUBLISHED IN EXPRESO: IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS THE CBS JOURNALISTS (FRANK MANITZAS) WHEN HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY OUR EDITOR IN CHIEF IN QUITO, MR. FRANCISCO SALAZAR TAMARIZ, AND MISS ALEJANDRA ADOUM OF NUEVA MAGAZINE. THE CASE CREATED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE, IN WHICH THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, NELSON ROCKEFELLER, MIGHT ALREADY BE IMPLICATED."

9. THE TOP PHOTOGRAPH SHOWED MISS ADOUM WITH MR. SALAZAR HOLDING A COPY OF EXPRESO. THE BOTTOM PHOTOGRAPH SHOWED MR. MANITZAS OD CBS WITH EDITOR SALAZAR.

10. ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT FROM EXPRESO WILL FOLLOW. BREWSTER

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